

CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF LODI
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
DECEMBER 12, 1962

A regularly adjourned meeting of the City Council of the City of Lodi was held beginning at 8:00 p.m. of Wednesday, December 12, 1962. Councilmen Brown, Culbertson, Dow, Ullmann and Katzakian (Mayor) present. None absent.

Also present: City Manager Graves, City Attorney Mullen (arrived 8:15 p.m.), Fire Chief Polenske and Judge Bainbridge.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

COURT
FACILITIES

The Mayor opened the meeting to review of the need for court facilities. The County is responsible for housing the court, but both the City and the County benefit by having court and police facilities in the same building. Approximately ten years ago when the City had first planned to build a Hall of Justice containing court facilities, the County Board of Supervisors had agreed to pay for the court facilities by amortizing the cost thereof over a period of 20 years. The County's share of the cost at that time was around 30% of the total. The City has not reached a point in its present planning at which new financing arrangements can be discussed with the County. Present quarters for the court are very inadequate, and to make the situation even more critical, the Lodi area is considered to have passed 40,000 in population so is at the point for the establishment of a municipal court. This means an addition in personnel and facilities. It was brought out that when considering financing for the Hall of Justice, the County's share of the costs should be included.

POLICE
DEPARTMENT

The City Manager gave the background of police operations, recalling the old jail at the Water Works which had to be abandoned and mentioning the present inadequate holding cells in the City Hall. The Council discussed the waste in money and manpower in transporting prisoners to and from the County Jail. They also discussed the present overcrowded conditions which the Police Department has to contend with in the basement of the City Hall. Mr. Graves mentioned that another beat will need to be added in a year or two.

FIRE
DEPARTMENT


The Council then considered the needs of the Fire Department. The Department is inadequately housed and needs more equipment; present site locations are poor. Advantages of housing the main fire station in the same building as the Hall of Justice were mentioned, as well as the necessity of providing sufficient space for present and future equipment. Present buildings are old and not worth remodeling. In addition, they are not properly located and are too close to the railroad tracks. The Civic Center Site is a favorable location to protect the west side of town and a second firehouse should be located in the Cherokee Lane area. Eventually a third station will be needed in the Kettleman Lane area. The Council also discussed the City's present fire rating (Class IV) and the

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amount of points required to keep that rating. An alarm system appears to be the cheapest method of acquiring sufficient points to retain the present rating.

It was felt that the amount of money which would be required for the Hall of Justice-Fire Station and other Fire Department facilities had not changed from the amount designated in the past bond election, but that more studies should be made regarding the design of the buildings.

The Council adjourned at 10:15 p.m.


Attest: BEATRICE GARIBALDI
City Clerk